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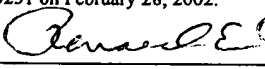
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated November 29, 2001. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

REMARKS

Claims 16-25 were pending and examined in the November 29, 2001 Office action. No claims have been canceled or amended in this Response. Thus, claims 16-25 are now pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Examiner has rejected claims 16-19, 21, 22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Izumi (4,635,631) in view of Chopin et al. (5,129,390). To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, there must be some suggestion or motivation to combine reference teachings. See M.P.E.P. § 2143.01. Applicant respectfully submits that at the time of the

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